

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

CLAIM 1. A message device comprising:

a handle;

a plurality of flexible fingers, each of said fingers having one end affixed in said handle, each of said fingers having a first portion extending laterally and radially outward from a first end of said handle, and each of said flexible fingers having a second portion extending downward from its corresponding first portion, each of said second portions terminating in a free end, the free ends of said fingers being used to contact and apply stimulating sensations to a body portion.

CLAIM 2. A message device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said handle comprises a tubular member.

CLAIM 3. A message device in accordance with claim 2, wherein:

said plurality of flexible fingers define an curve.

CLAIM 4. A message device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said handle comprises a non-metallic material.

CLAIM 5. A message device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

each of said fingers is resilient such that its corresponding free end may move to conform to the surface of the body portion contacted with the free ends.

CLAIM 6. A message device in accordance with claim 5, wherein:

each of said fingers comprises copper wire.

CLAIM 7. A message device in accordance with claim 5, wherein:

each said free end terminates in a smooth portion.

CLAIM 8. A message device in accordance with claim 5, wherein:

each said freed end terminates in a rounded portion.

CLAIM 9. A massage device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
said handle has a cavity formed therein; and
each of said flexible fingers has a third portion extending from said first portion into said cavity, and each said third portion is affixed to said handle in said cavity.

CLAIM 10. A massage device in accordance with claim 2, comprising:
a cap disposed on said handle at said first end, said cap having an aperture through which each of said fingers extends.

CLAIM 11. A massage device in accordance with claim 1, comprising:
an insert extending into said handle at said first end, said insert being coupled to x said fingers in said handle.

CLAIM 12. A massage device in accordance with claim 11, wherein:
said handle comprises a cavity; and
said insert is secured in said cavity.

CLAIM 13. A massage device in accordance with claim 12, wherein:
each of said flexible fingers has a third portion extending from said first portion into said insert; and
each said third portion being affixed within said insert.

CLAIM 14. A massage device in accordance with claim 11, wherein:
said insert and said fingers are removable as a unitary piece from said handle.

CLAIM 15. A massage device in accordance with claim 3, wherein:
the free ends of each of said flexible fingers terminates

CLAIM 16. A massage device in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said insert comprises a vibrator.

CLAIM 17. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

each of said fingers first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and

each of said fingers second portions is disposed in substantially a second plane
that intersects said first plane.

CLAIM 18. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

each of said finger first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and

said finger free ends all lie in substantially a third plane.

CLAIM 19. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said handle comprises a material that changes color depending upon certain
conditions at the surface of said handle.

CLAIM 20. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said handle emits light.

CLAIM 21. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said handle comprises light emitting material.

CLAIM 22. A device for providing stimulation sensations to a body portion,
comprising:

a handle for gripping and manipulating said device;

a plurality of fingers extending from one end of said handle, each of said fingers having a free end and an opposite end; and

a vibrator disposed within said handle and coupled to said plurality of fingers; each of said fingers being resilient, each of said fingers having a first portion extending from said handle and each having a second portion terminating in a corresponding free end, each said finger second portion being contiguous to and extending in a direction different from said first portion;

whereby said free ends of said fingers are used to apply pressure to and to couple vibrations from said vibrator to a body portion.

CLAIM 23. A device in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

each of said fingers first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and each of said fingers second portions is disposed in substantially a second plane that intersects said first plane.

CLAIM 24. A device in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

each of said finger first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and said finger free ends all lie in substantially a third plane.

CLAIM 25. A device in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

said handle comprises a material that changes color depending upon certain conditions at the surface of said handle.

CLAIM 26. A device in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

said handle emits light.

CLAIM 27. A device in accordance with claim 22, wherein:

said handle comprises light emitting material.

CLAIM 28. A massage device comprising:

a handle of generally arcuate shape;

a plurality of flexible fingers, each of said fingers having one end affixed in said handle, each of said fingers having a first portion extending laterally and radially outward from a first end of said handle, and each of said flexible fingers having a second portion extending downward from its corresponding first portion, each of said second portions terminating in a free end, the free ends of said fingers being used to contact and apply stimulating sensations to a body portion.

CLAIM 29. A massage device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:

said handle comprises a first plurality of rounded over protrusions proximate one end of said handle on a first side of said handle for providing massage action separate from said flexible fingers.

CLAIM 30. A massage device in accordance with claim 29, wherein:

said handle comprises a second plurality of rounded over protrusions proximate the other end of said handle on said first side of said handle for providing massage action.

CLAIM 31. A massage device in accordance with claim 30, wherein:

said handle comprises a third plurality of rounded over protrusions carried on a surface of said handle that is substantially opposite said first protrusions.

CLAIM 32. A massage device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:

each of said fingers is resilient such that its corresponding free end may move to conform to the surface of the body portion contacted with the free ends.

CLAIM 33. A massage device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:

each of said fingers comprises copper wire.

CLAIM 34. A massage device in accordance with claim 33, wherein:
each said free end terminates in a smooth portion.

CLAIM 35. A massage device in accordance with claim 34, wherein:
each said free end terminates in a rounded portion.

CLAIM 36. A massage device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
said handle has a cavity formed therein; and
each of said flexible fingers has a third portion extending from said first portion into said cavity, and each said third portion is affixed to said handle in said cavity.

CLAIM 37. A massage device in accordance with claim 36, comprising:
a cap disposed on said handle at said first end, said cap having an aperture through which each of said fingers extends.

CLAIM 38. A massage device in accordance with claim 28, comprising:
an insert extending into said handle at said first end, said insert being coupled to said fingers in said handle.

CLAIM 39. A massage device in accordance with claim 38, wherein:
said handle comprises a cavity; and
said insert is retained in said cavity.

CLAIM 40. A massage device in accordance with claim 39, wherein:
each of said flexible fingers has a third portion extending from said first portion into said insert; and
each said third portion being affixed within said insert.

CLAIM 41. A massage device in accordance with claim 38, wherein:
said insert and said fingers are removable as a unitary piece from said handle.

CLAIM 42. A massage device in accordance with claim 38, wherein:
said insert comprises a vibrator.

CLAIM 43. A device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
each of said fingers first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and
each of said fingers second portions is disposed in substantially a second plane
that intersects said first plane.

CLAIM 44. A device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
each of said finger first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and
said finger free ends all lie in substantially a third plane.

CLAIM 45. A device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
said handle comprises a material that changes color depending upon certain
conditions at the surface of said handle.

CLAIM 46. A device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
said handle emits light.

CLAIM 47. A device in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
said handle comprises light emitting material.

CLAIM 48. A device for providing stimulation sensations to a body portion,
comprising:

a handle for gripping and manipulating said device;
a plurality of fingers extending from one end of said handle, each of said fingers having a free end and an opposite end; and
a vibrator disposed within said handle and coupled to said plurality of fingers; each of said fingers being resilient, each of said fingers having a first portion extending from said handle and each having a second portion terminating in a corresponding free end, each said finger second portion being contiguous to and extending in a direction different from said first portion;
whereby said free ends of said fingers are used to apply pressure to and to couple vibrations from said vibrator to a body portion.

CLAIM 49. A device in accordance with claim 48, wherein:

each of said fingers first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and
each of said fingers second portions is disposed in substantially a second plane that intersects said first plane.

CLAIM 50. A device in accordance with claim 48, wherein:

each of said finger first portions is disposed in substantially a first plane; and
said finger free ends all lie in substantially a third plane.

CLAIM 51. A device in accordance with claim 48, wherein:

said handle comprises a material that changes color depending upon certain conditions at the surface of said handle.

CLAIM 52. A device in accordance with claim 48, wherein:

said handle emits light.

CLAIM 53. A device in accordance with claim 48, wherein:

said handle comprises light emitting material.

CLAIM 54. A message device comprising:

a member having a plurality of fingers integrally formed therewith, said fingers being in a splayed relationship to each other and each having a first portion extending outward from a common portion and a second portion extending downward from said first portion, each of said second portions terminating in a free end, the free ends of said fingers being used to contact and apply stimulating sensations to a body portion.

CLAIM 55. A message device in accordance with claim 54, comprising:

one or more vibrators carried by said member.

CLAIM 56. A message device in accordance with claim 54 comprising:

a plurality of vibrator units, each of said vibrator units being carried by a corresponding one of said second portions.

CLAIM 57. A message device in accordance with claim 54, comprising:

a handle adapted to removably and lockingly engage said member.

CLAIM 58. A message device in accordance with claim 57, comprising:

a handle coupled to said member.

CLAIM 59. A message device in accordance with claim 54, wherein:

said member comprises a plurality of depressions formed therein, each of said depressions being disposed proximate one of said corresponding second portions and each adapted to receive a fingertip.

CLAIM 60. A message device in accordance with claim 54, comprising:

at least one additional member adapted to engage and be carried on by one of said second portions, said at least one additional member having an external shape different from that of said second portion.

CLAIM 61. A massage device in accordance with claim 54, wherein:

said member comprises a thermally responsive material.

CLAIM 62. A massage device in accordance with claim 54, wherein:

said member comprises a light emitting material.

CLAIM 63. A massage device in accordance with claim 54, wherein:

the ends of said fingers define a curve.

CLAIM 64. A massage device in accordance with claim 54, comprising:

a plurality of protrusions disposed on said member opposite said second portions, said plurality of protrusions being adapted to contact and apply stimulating sensations to a body portion.